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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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TO : The record

FROM : 
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SUBJECT: Organization for a national arthritis conference

A discussion was held at O'Hare International airport, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, November 17, to explore the feasibility of convening a conference to develop coordinated activities, including program reporting and evaluation, among 29 Regional Medical Programs (RMP's) conducting pilot arthritis grant programs. Participants in the discussion were:

Dr. Roger D. Mason, discussion moderator; Chairman of the former Arthritis ad hoc Review Committee
Mr. Kevin Anderson, staff member, Michigan RMP
Dr. William F. Donaldson, 1st Vice President, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Pittsburgh)
Dr. Ephraim P. Engleman, UCLA; chairman of the ARA "committee of five" designated to provide liaison with DRMP (San Francisco)
Dr. Satoru Izutsu, Executive Director, Hawaii RMP
Dr. Lawrence M. Petrocelli, Chief Arthritis Activities, NIAMDD
Mr. David Shobe, Arthritis Foundation (Washington, D.C., and N.Y.)
Dr. Clement W. Sledge, Robert Breck Brigham Hospital (Boston)
Dr. Isaac Taylor, Deputy Director, Tri-State RMP
Dr. Charles D. Tourtelotte, Chief of Rheumatology, Temple University (Philadelphia)

From the Division of Regional Medical Programs:

Mr. Gerald T. Gardell, Acting Director
Mr. Matthew Spear, Staff member

The consensuses reached by the discussion participants are the following:

1. There should be a conference to develop coordination, evaluation, and follow-up activities among the 29 funded pilot arthritis programs.
2. The conference should be convened at a site which results in least cost for both the conduct of the conference, and the attendance of the participants.
3. Total cost of the conference proper (site and services costs) should not exceed \$10,000.

4. Conference sponsors will be, jointly:

Arthritis Foundation
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases
Regional Medical Programs (29 collectively)

5. The sponsors will jointly contrive to pay the costs of the conference.
6. Participating program attendees will be required to meet their travel and other costs from local sources.
7. Program attendance/participation will be limited to Coordinators of the 29 RMP's with funded pilot arthritis programs, their arthritis Project Directors, and others directly associated with the conduct of the conference.
8. Special guests, and expert resource personnel will be invited. Their costs of participation will be reimbursed by the sponsors, when necessary.
9. The conference will be scheduled for 2 days in the period between January 18, and February 2, 1975.
10. DRMP will provide staff support -- in effect, an Executive Secretariat -- for development, conduct, and perhaps followup of the conference.
11. The tentative program structure is:

I. Educational impact

- A. Physicians
- B. Paramedical
- C. Patients

II. Delivery Impact

- A. Demographic aspects
- B. Types of services
- C. Distribution of services

III. Objective analysis of results

- A. Each of the above
- B. Functional analysis of therapy

IV. Continuation funding

12. The structure relates to the following tentative agenda:

- a. short introductory plenary session
- b. workshops on sections I, and II
- c. plenary session for reports and discussions
- d. workshops on sections III, and IV
- e. summary plenary session

14. Special resource people should be available in both the workshop, and plenary sessions. Types (or specialties noted):

- demography
- program evaluation
- program funding
- program information disseminators
- program image builders

Names mentioned:

- demography -- William Ranke (?), Johns Hopkins, Md.
- evaluation -- Dennison, Mich.; Plotz, N.Y.; Dr. Smyth, Colo.; Confree, Cal.; Joseph Barbaccia, Cal.
- funding --- David Rogers, Johnson Foundation
Kellogg Foundation
State Health Department specialists
- program delivery -- Ed. Smith, Va.; John Sharp, Houston, and Smiley, Dallas, Texas; Neustadt, Louiseville; Ivan Duff, Mich.; Dr. Klineberg, and George Freo (?), Cal.
- program information -- one or two widely known science writers
- program image -- Sen. Cranston; Anne Landers